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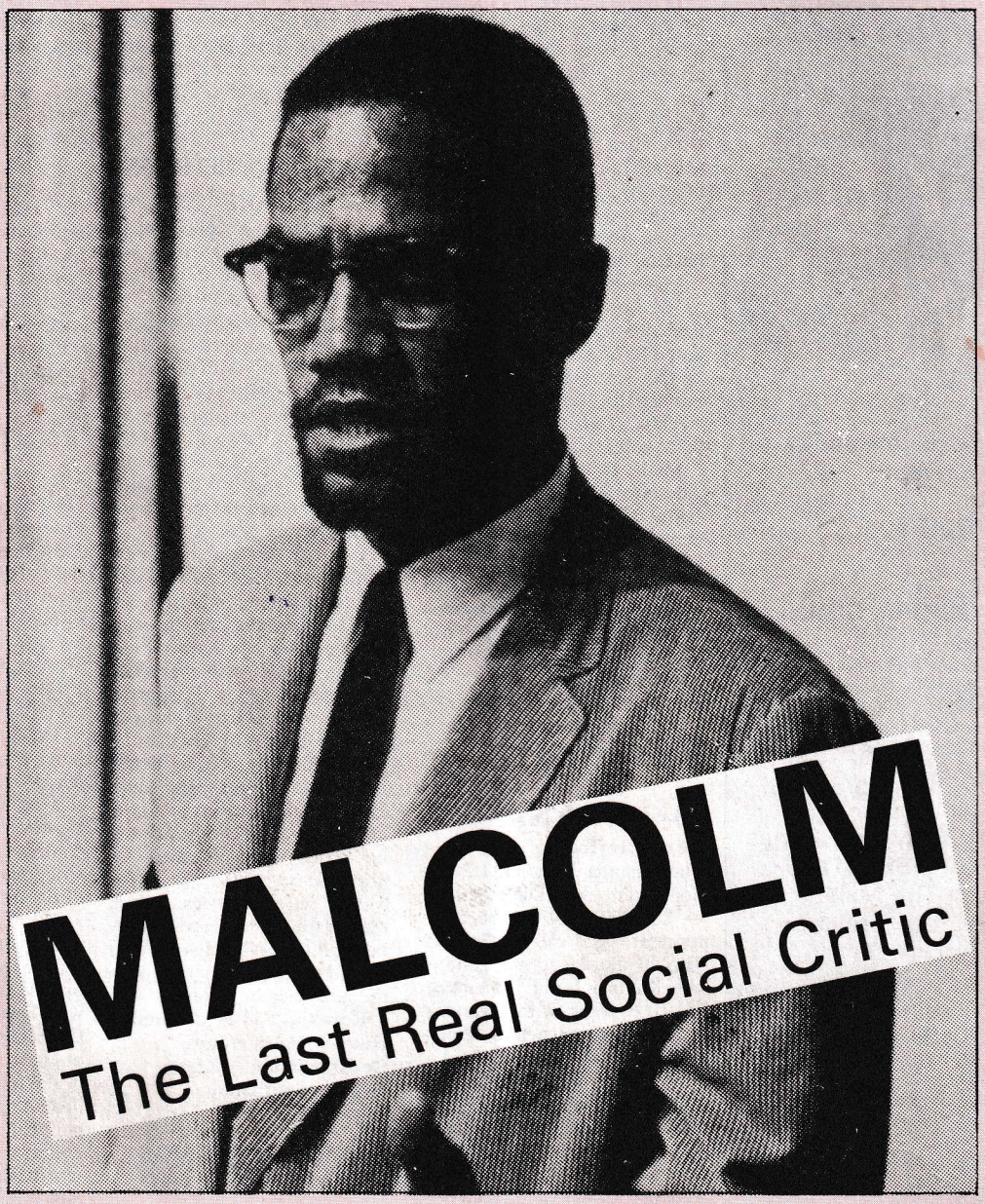

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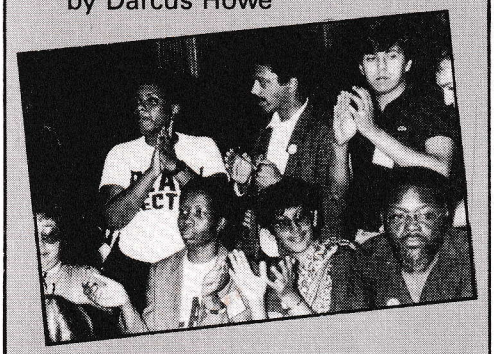

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ANNOUNCEMENT
The Race Today Collective wishes to apologise for the lateness of the journal. This is due to the fact that we have moved temporarily from our headquarters to facilitate its renovation.

INSURANCE CLAIM

Dear Race Today,
I am sure that you will be interested in this problem of mine which other West Indians in London must similarly be experiencing.

In March 1975 and March 1977 I took out life insurance policies with the Jamaica Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd — numbers SOO 482 and S01 501 respectively. In November 1984, when I was leaving London to reside permanently in Trinidad, I wrote to surrender the two policies and get the surrender value. I have not yet been paid.

I have written several letters to the London office; no reply has been made to the last two dated 20 May and 7 June 1985. In the last month I have telephoned the London office twice weekly, at great expense, still to no avail.

Mr W D Walden, Manager/ Administration at their London Office 1st Floor, 124/132 Clerkenwell Road, London ECIR 5DL will confirm my statements. He claims that he can do nothing until the money comes from Jamaica, which will probably be never.

Tony Piggott
25a Belmont Valley Road
Port-of-Spain
Trinidad, West Indies

UGANDA'S COUP

Dear Race Today,
The Uganda National Liberation Front (Anti-Dictatorship) — UNLF (A-D) has been informed of the call by General Tito Okello, Head of Uganda's new Military Junta, for a meeting next week with Uganda's various resistance and liberation movements.

In the first place, the new Military Junta itself is nothing but another dictatorship which is a split-off from the murderous and puppet Uganda Peoples Congress (UPC) — Obote regime.

On 30 July, 1985 we issued a statement calling for a Round Table Conference (RTC) of all political forces on neutral territory. Instead, it appears the new Junta is engaged in implementing a divide and rule strategy by seeking to incorporate Uganda's political forces around itself one by one through separate talks. All this is obviously aimed at avoiding a Round Table Conference.

We insist on the immediate release of all political prisoners and detainees, the dismantling of all concentration camps, and the withdrawal of troops to barracks as a minimum sign of good faith by the regime.

Those concerned must stop dancing the tango. Without a Round Table Conference of all political forces there can be no peace in Uganda. We call upon all Ugandan democratic and patriotic organisations and forces not to be tricked but to unite and fight for a genuine settlement through a Round Table Conference of all political forces on neutral territory.

UNLF (AD) London NW11

PRISON WRITINGS

Dear Race Today,
I am making a collection of "prison writings" by men and women who were imprisoned for reasons of conscience. I hope such a collection will give inspiration to others and allow them to identify with the sufferings of those who gave up their freedom for freedom's sake. Perhaps it will also allow those imprisoned to impart to a wider audience some of the vision which impelled them to make their sacrifice.

I would be pleased to hear from any of your readers who would be willing to help by letting me have on loan any such writings they may have, or can obtain. I would also appreciate reference to any other source.

The writings could include letters, diaries or testimonies written during or after detention, or statements to the court. They should be open to confirmation, though anonymity will be strictly preserved if requested.

The circumstances which caused the loss of freedom may be political or religious, but should not be connected with the advocacy of violence.

Royalties will be donated to Human Rights groups.

Geoffrey Bould
42 Richmond Drive
Watford WD1 3BG. Herts.

JOHN JENNINGS DEFENCE FUND

Dear Race Today,
I am writing to ask you to contribute, if you have not already done so, to the 'John Jennings Defence Fund'. As you may know John Jennings is being sued for libel by the Freedom Association over an article he wrote while Secretary of the Campaign for Press Freedom for our bulletin *Free Press*.

An appeal leaflet which gives more details is enclosed, and extra copies can be obtained from the office.

The appeal for John's defence has already been publicised, in *Free Press* and elsewhere, including his own union, SOGAT, and the National Union of Journalists. The response to date has been very encouraging and heart-warming.

Nevertheless we feel that we must continue to raise funds for the defence, not only to protect John and his family from potentially enormous legal costs, but also to protect the typesetters and printers of *Free Press*. They are also being sued in the same libel action and we have accepted that we have an obligation to help them too.

Please do what you can to help. Make cheques payable to the 'John Jennings Defence Fund' and send them to the following address.

Loretta Loach
Campaign for Press & Broadcasting Freedom
9 Poland Street,
London WIV 3DG Tel: 01-437 2795

POLITICAL ASYLUM NOW

Dear Race Today
Pedro Galleguillos is a 24 year-old Chilean who has been living in Manchester for the past three years. Following a Home Office decision to deport him, he was arrested in November 1984 and held in Strangeways Prison. Pedro had committed no crime.

Thanks to the work of his Defence Campaign, Pedro was released on 21 March 1985 after serving four months in prison. However, the Home Office has continued to place heavy restrictions on Pedro. The threat of deportation still remains.

The military dictatorship which rules Chile imprisons, tortures and murders those who oppose it. A number of exiles who have recently returned to Chile have either disappeared or have been killed by the brutal regime. Pedro is actively involved in educational and political work to oppose the military dictatorship. If he is sent back he faces almost certain imprisonment, and possibly death.

The Pedro Galleguillos Defence Campaign demands political asylum now for Pedro. This means that the Home Office should recognise his right to stay here because of the very great danger he would face if he is deported to Chile.

Pedro Galleguillos Defence Campaign c/o 9 Lucy Street, Manchester M15 4BX.

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